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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON SEYCHELLES

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1. EMBASSY ODFICER DISCUSSED REFTEL MARCH 2 WITH LAWRENCE O'KEEFFE, HEAD OF FCO HONG KONG AND INDIAN OCEAN DEPARTMENT. O'KEEFE REPORTED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS PROPOSED TO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY TED ROWLANDS THAT THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE HERE MARCH 16-18, BUT A MINISTERIAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN.

2. FCO IS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL. RE PARAGRAPH THREE, O'KEEFFE SUGGESTED THAT THE US DELEGATION ARRIVE IN TIME FOR A BILATERAL WORKING SESSION ON MARCH 15, ASSUMING PROPOSED DATES FOR THE TALKS ARE APPROVED. THE BRITISH FORESEE A UK-SEYCHELLES AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE RETURN OF THE THREE BIOT ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE DENIAL CONDITIONS AND PROVISION FOR UK/US REENTRY RIGHTS. THEY ALSO

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ASSUME THAT THE US-SEYCHELLES EXCHANGE OF NOTES GOVERNING
THE USE OF THE MAHE TRACKING STATION WILL INCLUDE CLAUSES
GOVERNING THE USE OF MAHE CIVIL AIRPORT BY US/UK MILITARY
AIRCRAFT.

3. O'KEEFFE QAID THE FCO EXPECTS A LARGE SEYCHELLOIS
CONTINGENT AT THE TALKS INCLUDING MANCHAM, RENE, JOUBERT,
SINON, AND CHETTY.

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